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VIENNA FOR MBFR DEL: SHAPE FOR INTAF

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SUBJECT: MBFR: TACTICS PAPER AND EUROPEAN ASPECTS

REF: VIENNA 655 AND 663

1. RUTH T LD EMBOFF AND VISITING EUR/RPM OFFICER
KEISWETTER JAN 25 THAT FRG IS SATISFIED WITH TEXT OF
ALLIED TACTICS PAPER REPORTED REFTELS. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT BONN "COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE ACCEPTED" LAST LINE
OF OLD PARA 6 SINGLING OUT BUNDESWEHR. IN FACT, FRG
WOULD PREFER THAT NO ALLIED FORCES SUBCEILINGS BE
ESTABLISHED, BUT SUBCEILING FOR U.S. IS OF COURSE
ESSENTIAL STRUCTURAL ELEMENT OF WESTERN PROPOSAL.

2. AS TO LINKAGE ISSUE, RUTH SAID ALLIES COULD NOT GO
FURTHER THAN LATEST FORMULATION WITHOUT FURTHER COUNCIL
GUIDANCE. WHILE PROPOSED TACTICS PAPER COULD TAKE

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ALLIED DELS THROUGH EASTER RECESS, ALLIANCE WILL NEED

SOON TO CONSULT FURTHER ON SUBSTANCE OF LINKAGE ISSUE.
RUTH SAID FRG BELIEVES EARLIER IDEA OF DIVISION OF
LABOR IN ALLIED WORK REMAINS VALID, AND BONN WOULD LIKE
TO FOCUS, IN THIS CONTEXT, ON LINKAGE.

THERE ALSO IS NEED FOR URGENT TRILATERAL CONSIDERA-
TION OF MBFR NUCLEAR ISSUES, GIVEN FREQUENT WP STATE-
MENTS ON NUCLEAR AND AIR FORCES AND RECENT DUTCH
REMARK IN VIENNA AHG ON NEED FOR NATO CONSIDERATION OF
NUCLEAR ELEMENT OF MBFR.

3. AS TO POSSIBLE MBFR IMPACT ON EC INTEGRATION, RUTH
SAID SOME DANGERS WERE ALREADY KNOWN - I.E., NATIONAL
SUBCEILINGS, CREATION OF SPECIAL ZONE, AND IMPLICATIONS
OF VERIFICATION, STABILIZING MEASURES AND NON-CIRCUM-
VENTION CLAUSES. BUT RUTH SAID THAT PROCESS OF
IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE DANGERS WAS AT VERY EARLY STAGE
AND THAT FRG PREFERRED TO PURSUE THIS EFFORT IN CAPITALS
AND WITHIN EC-9 POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS RATHER THAN AT
VIENNA. RUTH EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WOULD BE DONE IN
CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH USG.

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